IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Stéphane Rioux et al.

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For : POLYPEPTIDES OF STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.121

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on January 12, 2009 (January 11, 2008 being a Sunday). A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.